

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of February 12, 2009. With this amendment, the Abstract is amended, claims 1 and 4-9 are amended, claims 11 and 13-32 are canceled and all pending claims 1-10 and 12 are presented for reconsideration and favorable action.

In the Office Action, the Abstract was objected to. With this response, the Abstract has been amended and it is believed that the rejection may be withdrawn.

A number of claims were rejected based upon their language. Those claims have been amended and it is believed that the rejections may be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 9 and 11 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. With this response, independent claim 7 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 11 and it is therefore believed that claim 7, along with dependent claims 8-12 are in condition for allowance.

Further, independent claim 1 has been amended with language similar to that from allowable claim 11. It is believed that independent claim 1 is also in condition for allowance, along with dependent claims 2-6.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action's characterizations of the art, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejection claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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